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HIV-TB PROJECT
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether her Ministry, NACO and the TB Department are proposing any pilot project of HIV-TB in Mumbai;

(b) whether there is any link between recent increase in TB patients due to HIV in Mumbai;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Global Fund has earmarked fund for TB-HIV Project;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether her Ministry, NACO, TB Department and others have planned any coordinated efforts for Mumbai in this regard; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) Yes, Sir. A joint HIV-TB programme is being implemented in the six high HIV prevalence States in India, including Mumbai. The basic purpose of the joint HIV-TB programme is to ensure optimal synergy between the two disease control programmes.

(b) & (c) There has been an increase in the number of TB patients put on Directly Observed Treatment Short-course (DOTS) in Mumbai in the last 3-4 years:

Years	No of cases treated
1999	13643
2000	16404
2001	17764
2002	22685

The increase is attributed to (i) enhanced case detection on account of the involvement of Medical Colleges of the State of Maharashtra, (ii) the involvement of the medical fraternity in the public and private sectors. At this stage, the increase cannot be definitely attributed due to HIV in Mumbai.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Yes, Sir.

(g) A HIV-TB co-ordination committee has been established under the chairmanship of the Executive Health Officer for this purpose. Project Director, Mumbai District AIDS Control Society (MDACS) and Member Secretary, Mumbai District TB Control Socie (MDTCS) are also members of this committee. The meeting of this committee is held every quarter. Sputum microscopic centers and DOTS treatment centers have been started in most of the hospitals / institutions where voluntary counseling and testing centres (VCTCs) are located. The staff of the VCTCs has been trained on the importance of HIV-TB programme co-ordination. IEC material on HIV-TB have been prepared and are exhibited in all VCTCs, MCs, etc for increasing awareness.